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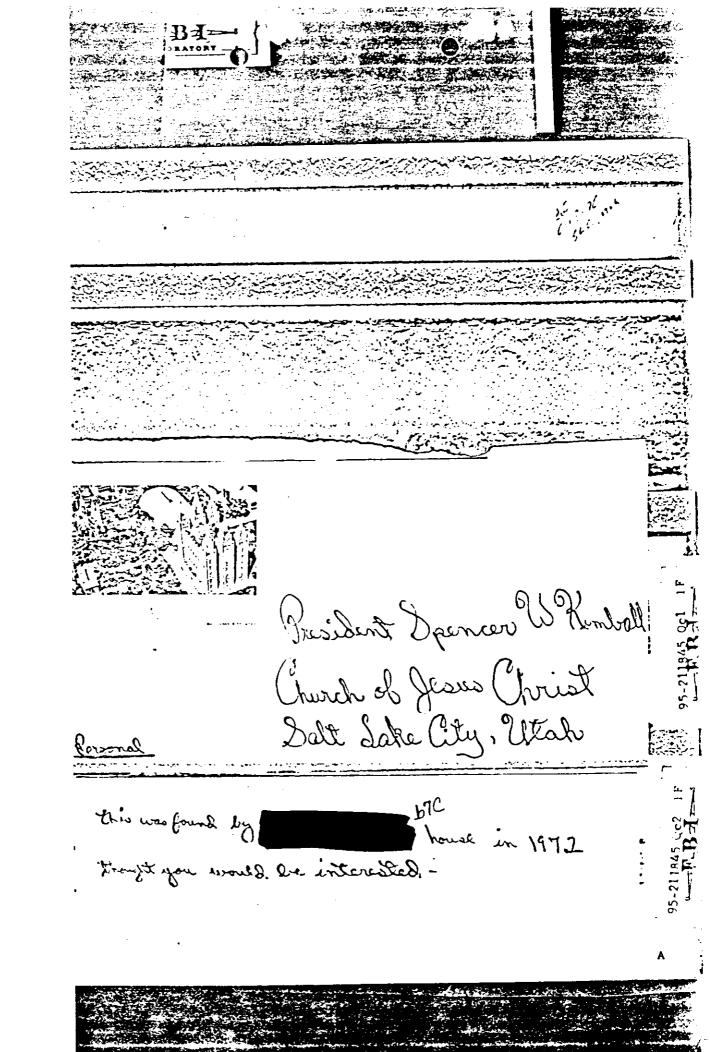
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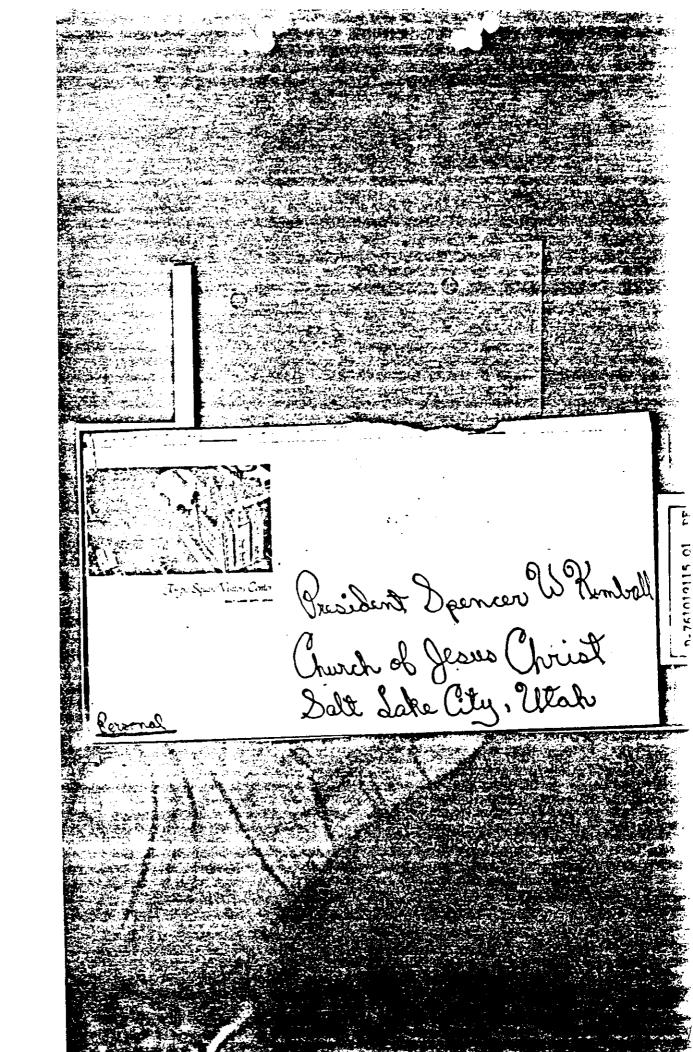
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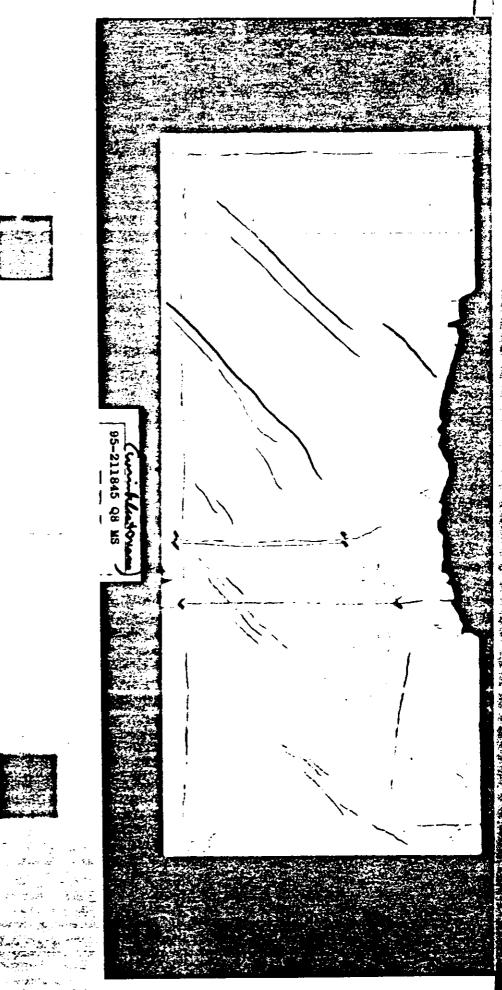
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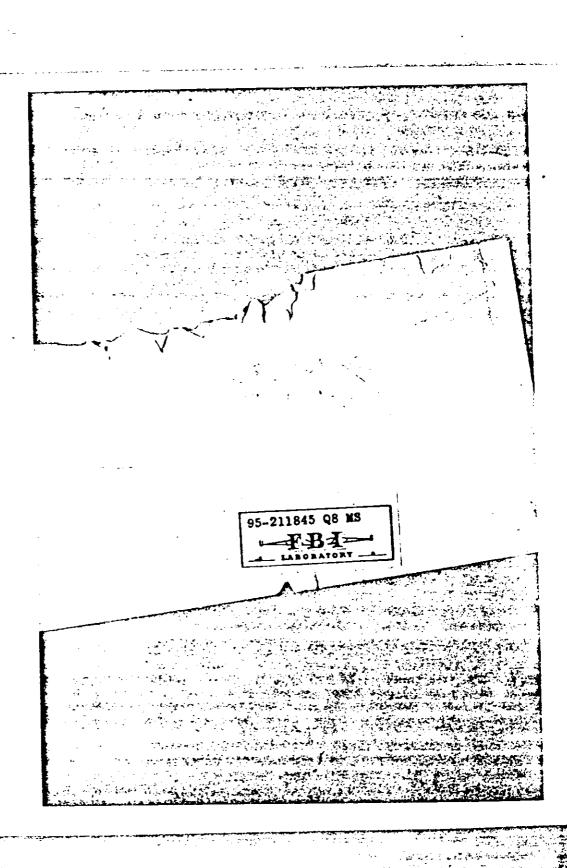
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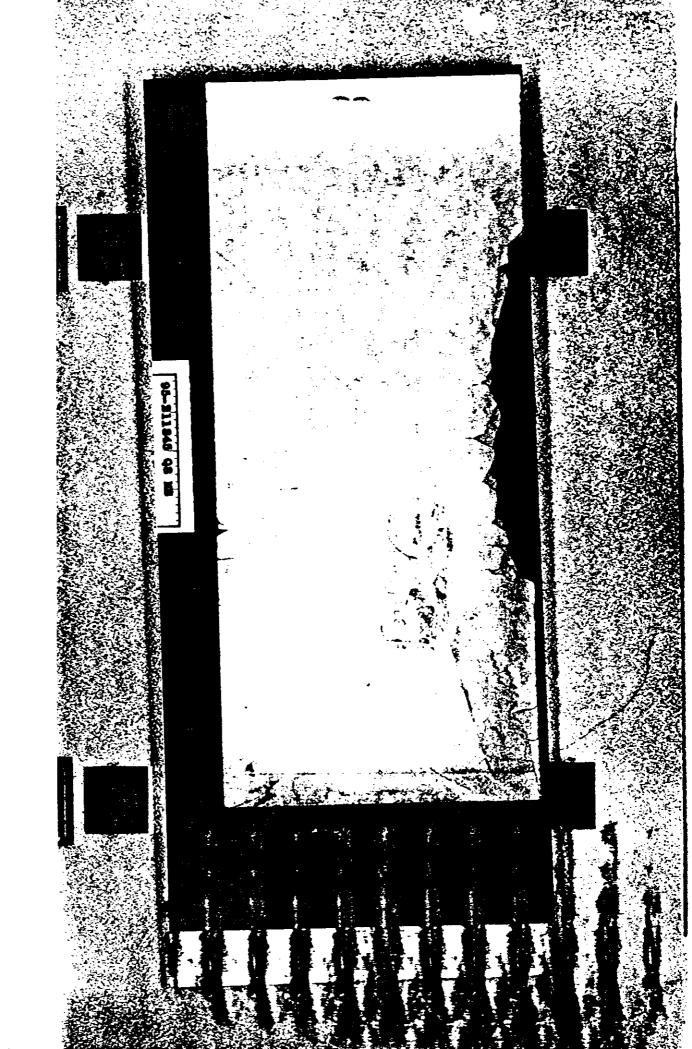
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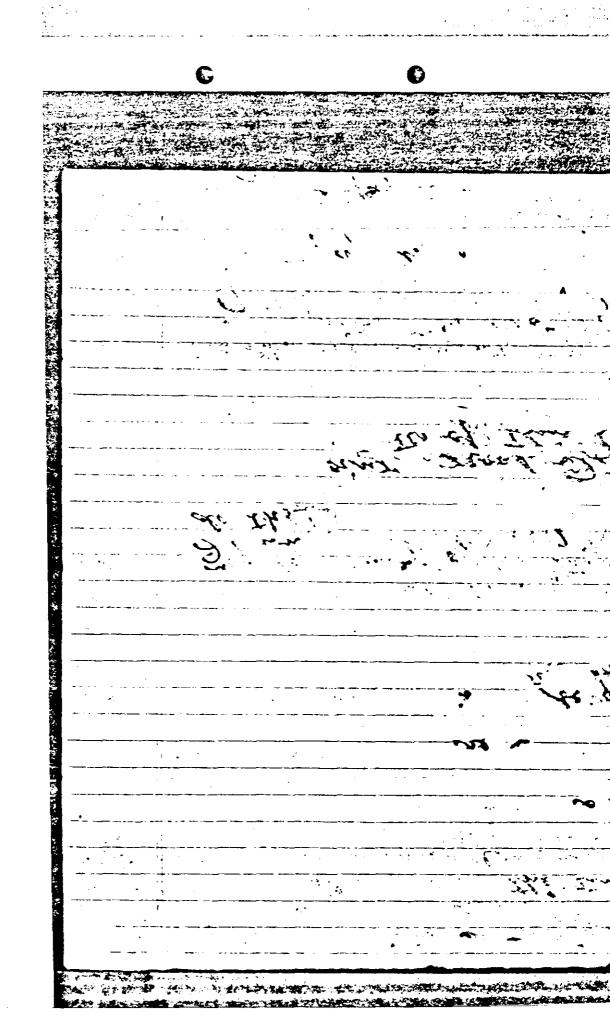


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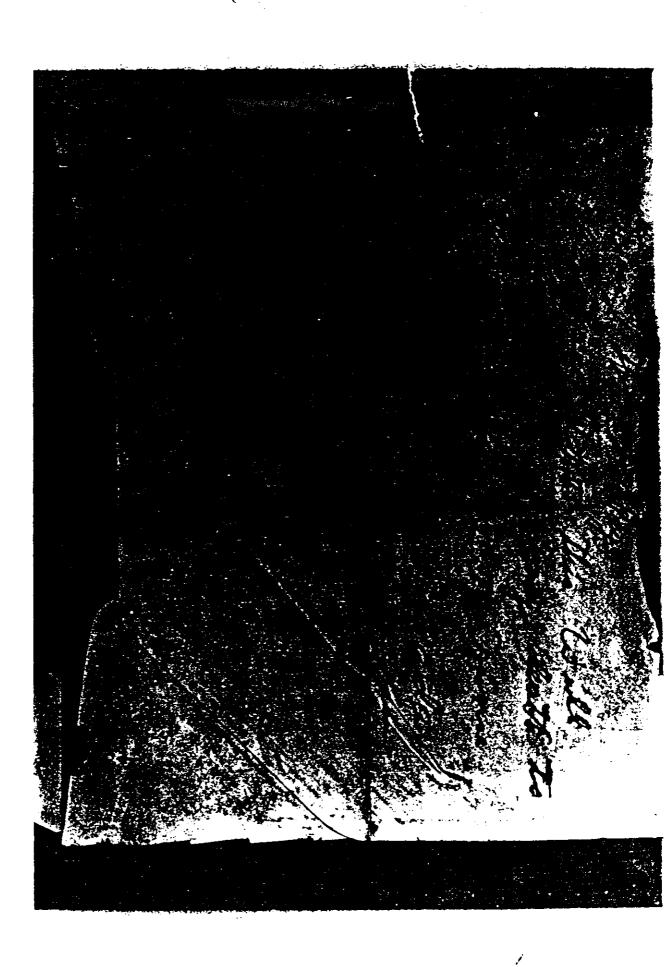
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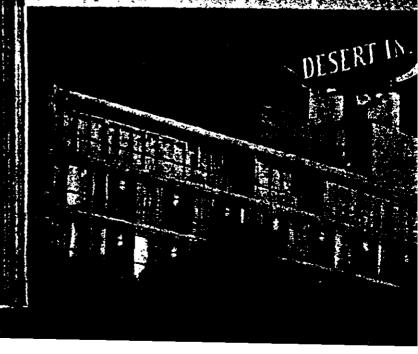
Las Vegas manager, Robert Maheu received many memos and letters like the one on the previous page, addressed simply "Bob." Hughes fired off the notes from his carefully guarded penthouse at the Desert Inn in Lin Vegas, and they were delivered to Maheu by messenger. The letters reveal a man with a beat for conspiracy, a compulsion for secrecy. Hughes was sometimes a courteous and com plimentary boss, but he was often peerish and demanding. He was a thorough pragmatist, accustomed to using power and the threat of power to achieve his ends, but he was also afflicted with moments of towering self-pity.

Sometimes the memos demanded instant action: "Please just acquire the Reno station as quickly as humanly possible." And: "Re the new spapers. I am willing to delay the takeover until the TV deal is done, but I am not walking to delay, even five minutes, starting negotiations to buy. . please do this even before the day is out."

(At one point Maheu complained by returnmessage: "I started writing the memo to which you refer [concerning additional office space] before sunrise and with the many interruptions in phone calls from the Penthouse and your p pests for immediate answers on las

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Supreme Court Building
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ROBERT LIST ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 3, 1977

Mr. Jim Lile Federal Bureau of Investigation Questioned Documents Section Washington, D. C. 20537

Dear Jim:

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Please find enclosed a copy of the letter that I have received from Pitney Bowes concerning the Pitney Bowes mark on the envelope you have in your possession.

I hope that this will be of some assistance in your examination.

Again, many thanks for your cooperation and assistance in this case.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT LIST Attorney General

By

Bruce Greenhalgh Chief Investigator

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Enclosure



January 17, 1977

Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh
Chief Investigator
Office of the Attorney General
Capitol Complex
Supreme Court Building
Carson City, NV 89710

Dear Mr. Greenhalgh:

In response to your letter of January 4, 1977 requesting evaluation of alleged Pitney-Bowes postage meter die impressions contained in two enclosed photographs marked "95-211845 Q8 MS FBI Laboratory", the relating of these pictures to legitimate serial numbered dies and meters produced by Pitney-Bowes, Inc., plus identifying licensed postage meter users by meter serial numbers.

You informed me orally that the purported postage die image in question appears on the reverse side of the envelope which contained the document alleged to be Howard Hughes' Last Will and Testament (the so-called "Mormon Will").

Your requests for information have been reviewed with Pitney-Bowes, Inc. management, and I have been authorized to examine the photographs, investigate and report the following:

The quality of the alleged postage die image shown in the subject photographs lacks the definition of line and character necessary to establish positive identification as a legitimate meter die assigned to a specific user during the period in question.

Assuming that the image is that of a legitimate Pitney-Bowes postage meter then the following evaluation is given:

- 1. The design is that of Pitney-Bowes model series "RT" and "RF" postage meters. These meters work only when combined with a model "R" machine.
- 2. Effective January 15, 1977, assigned serial numbers for this model series would be in the following groups: 100,000 - 199,999; 300,000 - 399,999 and 600,000 - 669,260. Number 623,150 was the highest number for this model series that could have been in service during March of 1968.

- 3. Location of the image on the envelope shows that the envelope could not have been inserted in a normal manner into any Model "R" series machine and meter combinations.
  - A. The distance of the leading edge of the die from the leading edge of the envelope, approximately two inches, would require that either the envelope was forced to override the normal trip position of the machine or the envelope was folded back prior to reaching the trip position.
  - B. The distance of the top line of the die from the top of the envelope exceeds the throat depth of the meter and machine. To obtain this abnormal top margin would require that the top part of the envelope was folded under when the impression was taken.
- 4. The ragged lines, characters and general blurring could have resulted from a number of contributing factors.

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- A. Heavy insert in the envelope, plus forcing of the envelope into the throat of the meter beyond its normal depth, would cause ballooning of the envelope resulting in a sliding movement of the envelope paper across the printing surface of the die as the envelope was compressed between the meter die and the machine impression roller.
- B. The fact that the envelope would be forced beyond its normal depth into the meter throat and misaligned from normal printing would cause a springing action in the envelope that would result in twisting and sliding of the envelope in the act of printing.
- C. If the envelope was of rag bond paper, the fiber would cause a poor printing surface with a tendency for the ink to follow the fiber with a resulting poor definition of printed line.
- D. Blurring or smearing of the impression could occur if the impression was rubbed before the ink dried or if paper was subjected to contact with a foreign element that would attack the ink and/or paper.
- E. Possibility that the ink used to make the impression was not approved postage meter ink containing the qualities necessary for producing and retaining legible impression.
- F. Some lines observed in the photograph are not readily explainable and not normally made by a meter, such as the "A" in LAS. These could indicate mark overs after the original impression was made.

5. The impression on the envelope in question would not be Pitney-Bowes, Inc. florescent ink if the impression was made in 1968 because florescent ink was not field tested by Pitney-Bowes with United States Postal Service approval until February, 1969. United States Postal Service regulations did not require the use of florescent ink until July, 1973.

In response to your question "Can a list be established of all Pitney-Bowes stamps used in Nevada during 1968?", because of the time period involved, complete and accurate lists of meters in service in Nevada during 1968 are not now available. A computer printout of meters presently in service in the State of Nevada could be produced; however, because of cost to Pitney-Bowes, plus company policy relating to the confidential status of data relating to our customers, we would not normally release this information without the customer's written approval.

I suggest that a more direct source for data relating to postage meters in service, both past and present, would be local and/or regional United States Postal Service records. For example: every postage meter user must be licensed by the local Post Office where that meter will be used and an ongoing postage account maintained by that Post Office. This would include any meter activity within that account.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, do not hesitate to correspond with me.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas C. Barker, Manager Meter Repair & Performance

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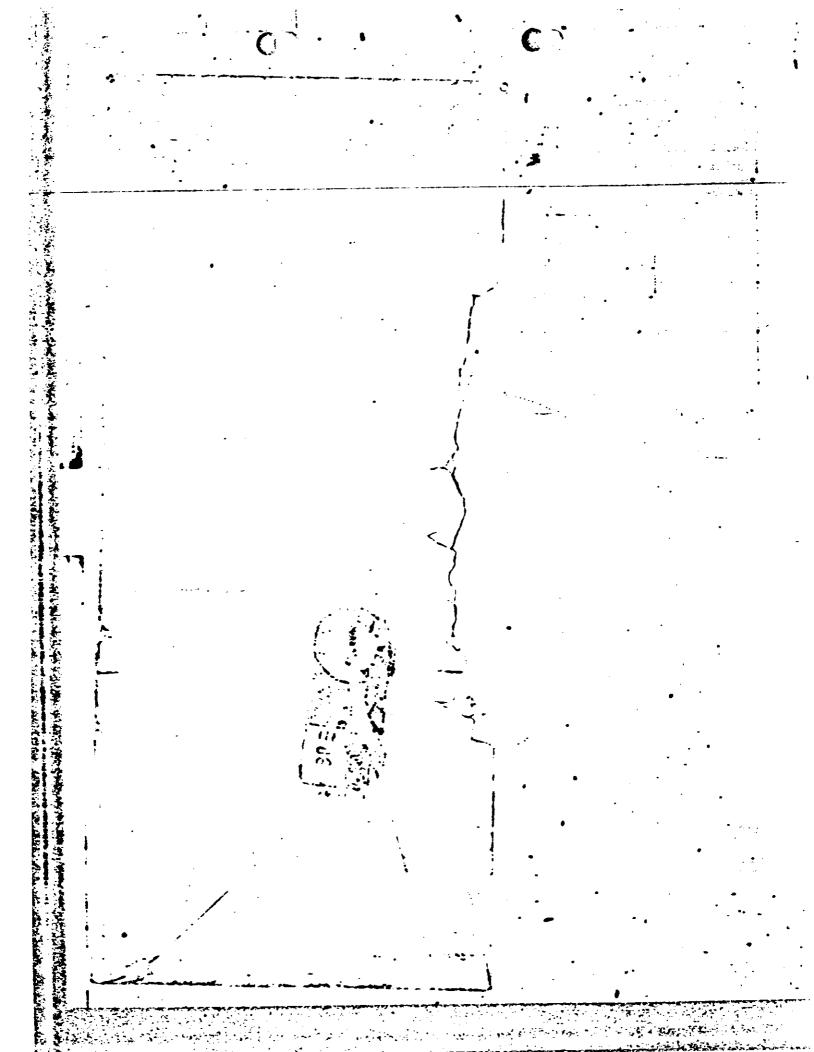
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April 18, 1977 TGobert List, Esq. Attorney General -Supreme Court Hailding PBI FILE NO. 95-211845 Carson City, Hevada 89710 LAB. NO. D-761214091 215 / Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh Attentions D-761230025 MS-Chief Investigator Re: YOUR NO. D-770107041 XS~ D-770111040 25 PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. MUGHES: MELVIN DEMMAR - SUSPECT: D-770117001 is-ALLEGED PORGERY D-770117099 24 D-770118050 XS D-770121045 KS

Examination requested by: Addresses

Reference: Telaphone call on 4/14/77

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

This relark supplements Laboratory report to your office in this natter dated March 11, 1977, and confirms information supplied telephonically to Chief Investigator Greenhalph on April 14, 1977.

During the treatment for latent fingerprints of the GS envelope, a description of which can be found in the above-referenced Laboratory report, the flap of the envelope and provided and examined. It was observed that additional admissive, different from the original water-solution admissive on the flap of the envelope, had been added to the flap prior to scaling. The presence of this additional admessive, as well as the other features which were observed in the envelope and which were reported in the above-referenced Laboratory report, are consistent with envelopes which have been steamed open and resealed.

This examination has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

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Re: Purportel Will of Howard R. Hughes, File "
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Alleged Forgery

File # 95-211845
Lab. # D-76121 4041 MS

Examination requested by:

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Date received:

Examination by: LILE

Result of Examination:

Report to: Honorable Robert List Esq.

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Supreme Court Building Carson City, Leveda 89710

attention: Mr. Bruce Greenhalgh Chief Amestigator

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	Supreme Court Duilding Carson City, Novada 89710	PBI FILE NO.	95-211845
	Attention: Hr. Pruce Grownhalgh	LAB. NO.	D-761214091 MS
Re:	Chief Investigator	YOUR NO.	D-761222051 MS D-761230025 MS
	PURPORTED WILL OF HOWARD R. MUGHES MELVIN DUMMAR - SUSPECT:	205-357	D-770107041 MS D-770111040 MS
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Exa	mination requested by: Addressee and PDI,	Las Vegas	D-770224029 315

Reference:

Examination requested:

Attorney General, Carson City and Las Vegas, Hevada letters dated 12/3/76, 1/3/77, 1/4/77, 1/11/77, 1/13/77 and 2/17/77, letter received 12/29/76, and apprint a received 12/21/76 and 1/20/77:

specimens received 12/21/76 and 1/20/77; FSI, Las Vegas communication dated 1/13/77

Document - Chemical Analyses - Fingerprint

Specimens received 12/14/76 from Attorney General, Carson City, Nevada, under cover of letter dated 12/8/76 (D-761214091 HS):

Qcl Photocopy of Ql, previously submitted

Qc2 Photocopy of Q2, previously submitted

Qc3 Photocopy of handwritten note beginning "Dcar Ex Mc Lay..."

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Qc4	Photocopies of a three-page handwritten document beginning "Last will and testament" and signed in "Howard R. Hughes" On each page	
Qc5	Photocopy of handwritten note beginning 50-3	
Qc6	Photocopy of page two of typewritten letter bearing signature "Howard R. Eugnes"	
Qc7	Photocopy of Proxy Mated 11/14/73 bearing signature *howard R. Eughes*	
Kcl	Photocopies of application for employment dated 11/27/67 authorization note, and voluntary statement dated 1/15/76, all bearing writing of IMLVIN DUMMAR	
Kc2	Photocopy of Application to Rent form and Rental Agreement bearing writing of	
Xc3	Photocopy of two-page letter bearing writing of	
Bruce G	ns personally delivered on 12/21/76 by Chief Investigator reenhalgh (D-761222051 MS):	
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<b>28</b>	White envelope bearing handwriting beginning "Dear Mr McLay"	
Q9 .	Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting beginning "Last Will" and signed "howard R. Rugnes" (Original or 204)	
Q10	Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting beginning 'third.one' and signed "Howard R. Hughes" (Original of ye4)	
Q11	Sheet of ruled yellow paper bearing handwriting peginning "ninth:one" and signed "Howard R. Hughes" (Original of Gc4)	
<b>84</b>	Six-page "Voluntary Statement" dated 1/15/76 hearing the known handwriting of MLLVIN E. DURMAR (Original of portion of Kel)	
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Specimen personally delivered on 12/29/76 by Chief Investigator Bruce Greenhalph under cover of letter received 12/29/76 (D-761230025 MS):

kine sheets of ruled yellow paper, each bearing the known writings of MOMARD R. MUDRES, further described as follows:

First page dated "3/16/66," beyinning "Bob - You ask my..."

Second page beginning "Then, this might lead..."

Third page beginning "the treatury of a..."

Pourth page beginning "Bob, I have sent..." and Cated "Staroust 3/17/62..."

Pifth page beginning "Price: 31,200,000..."

Sixth page beginning "Bob, several things..." and bearing the notation "received in office 3/25/68"

Seventh page dated "4/9/68," beginning "Bob- I have information..."

Lighth page dated "4/23/63," beginning "Bob-I dont think..."

Winth page beginning "establish that we..."

Specimen received 1/6/77 from Attorney General, Carson City, hevada, under cover of letter dated 1/3/77 (D-770107041 125):

The State of Nevada: County of Clark document beginning \*KNON ALL MEN..., atted 3/24/67, bearing the signature of HOWARD R. BUGHES

Specimen received 1/10/77 from Autorney General, Carson City, devada, under cover of letter dated 1/4/77 (D-770111040 MS):

K7 Three-page typewritten agreement, Gated 5/31/68, the third page bearing the signature of NOWARD R. HUGHES

Specimen received 1/14/77 from Attorney General, Carson City, Hevada, under cover of letter dated 1/11/77 (D-770117001 MS):

Eandwritten note dated 6/20/75 bearing signature of <u>b7C</u>

MEZVIN E. DUNKAR and handwriting of

Specimen received 1/17/77 from Attorney General, Carson City, Nevada, under cover of letter dated 1/13/77 (D-770117099 HS):

One-page typewritten proxy dated 11/14/70 (Original of uc7) and two pages of questions and answers bearing writing of LUMANU R. MUCHES; the two pages of questions and answers also bearing inked fingerprint impressions

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Specimen received 1/17/77 from PbI, Las Vegas, under cover of communication dated 1/13/77 (D-779113050 AS):

K10 : Sixty-four shouts of paper bearing writings of HOWARD R. HUGHES

Specimen personally delivered on 1/20/77 by Cnief Investigator Bruce Greenhalgh (D-770121045 ES):

Three-page handwritten letter on yellow legal sized paper, beginning on the first page "Dear Chester and Bill -...," and ending on third page "Howard &. hughes"

Specimen received 2/22/77 from Uffice of the Attorney General, Las Vegas, Nevada, under cover of latter dated 2/17/77 (D-770224029 LD):

K12 Sheet of yellow ruled paper bearing the known handwriting of

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Specimens personally delivered on 3/1/77 by Investigator

ALSO SUBSITED: Fingerprint cards of nine persons (for elimination purposes)

Result of examination:

This report confirms and supplements information which was supplied telephonically to Chief Investigator Greenhalph on Earch 7, 1977.

The submitted photocopies, Qol through Qc7 and Kel through Ke3, do not reproduce the writings on the original documents with sufficient clarity of detail for adequate handwriting comparisons.

The writings on the Q1 envelope and the Q2 note were slowly and deliberately prepared and contain inconsistencies, indicating that they probably are not the natural writings of the person or persons who prepared those writings. For these reasons, no determination could be made whether Q1 and Q1 were or were not prepared by : LLVIN E. DUNAR, the writer of AC1, K4 and a portion of K8; the writer of KC2; or the writer of KC3, a portion of K8, and K12.

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It was determined that the writings on the Q8 envelope and the Q9 through Q11 three-page will were not prepared by MOWARD R. MUGHES, the writer of K5 through K7, K9, K10 and K11. It was further determined that the writings on Q8 through Q11 represent an unskilled attempt to copy or simulate the genuine writings of MOWARD R. MUGHES. It was not possible to definitely determine which, if any, of the summitted genuine writings served as the model writings for the preparation of Q3 through Q11.

Due to the method of preparation of the writings on we through all, those writings do not contain a sufficient quantity of the natural handwriting characteristics of the writer or writers who prepared them, preventing any determination whether those writings were or were not prepared by MELVIA E. DUMMAR, or big.

examinations of the 45 envelope were limited to non-destructive methods which failed to reveal any conclusive evidence that the envelope had or had not been steamed open and subsequently rescaled. However, excessive wrinkling was noted in the paper as well as slight bleeding of the ball-point ink writings. These characteristics are frequently found when a occurrent has been subjected to steaming and subsequently manually pressed in an attempt to reseal an adhesive seas. Additionally, the discoloration and brittle and fragmented edges of the envelope could be explained by the envelope having been dried under high temperatures, covering and protecting the major portion of the envelope, but leaving the edges exposed.

The postage meter stamp impression on the reversaside of the 40 envelope lacks sufficient clarity of line detail
to permit a determination of the data or meter number by
microscopic and special photographic examinations, nor could
it be determined whether that impression was actually made by
a mechanical postage meter stamp. However, the configuration,
relative spacing of portions of the image, and the general
design conform to those used on postage meters manufactured
by Pitney-nowes, Incorporated, of Stamford, Connecticut. It
was noted that the impression does not fluoresce under ultraviolet radiation.

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Examinations of the Q9 through Q11 sheets of paper were limited to non-eastructive methods. It was determined: that the streaking of the ball-point ink writings on those in sheets are the result of applying a solvent along the fight.... edges, reculting in right-to-left smearing of the writings. Additionally, the locations of those amears indicate that the solvent application occurred either while the three sheets were folded together or that the three sheets were folded while still wet, resulting in transferred writings and streaks at the folas.

The non-destructive examinations of the Ql envelope, the Qi note, the Qu envelope, and the QJ through Q11 sheets of paper failed to reveal any indented writings, waterworks, or other significant features which sight be of assistance in determining either the source or the age of those documents.

You will be advised separately of the results of the examinations of the ink and stains on the through Gll as well as the results of the examinations of those items for latent fingerprints. 46 through 411 and the submitted fingerprint cards will be returned to your office at that time.

A high-contrast onlarged black and white photograph of the postage meter mark on the & envelope is enclosed for your possible assistance. It is possible that a process referred to as "Image unhancement" hight be of value in determining the illegible date and mater number on Qu. Laboratory is not equipped to perform such examinations at the present time. Lowever, the following are currently engaged in that field of technology and may be of assistance. This listing should not be construed as an endorsement by this sureau, nor should the absence of other names be misconstrued as a lack of encorsement.

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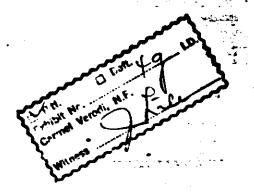
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All of the submitted specimens were photographed and those photographs have been retained. The gel through ge7 and kel through ke3 photocopies, Q1, Q2, k4, k8, and k12 are returned herewith. k9 was personally returned to ir. LYNDAL L. SHANEYPLLT on January 21, 1977. k10 was returned by registered mail to the FBI, has Vegas, on February 24, 1977. k5, k6, k7 and k11 were personally returned to Investigator of your office on Earch 1, 1977.

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